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putting this together. What LB 1021 does, in a simplified form, is it requires all healthcare professions and occupations to be subject to continuing competency standards. Those standards must be set by the professional board that's established to oversee the...the particular profession or occupation or, if there is no board, to be set by the department. The key sections of the bill in this regard basically are in Sections 9 and 83. LB 1021 provides that comp...continuing competency standards may involve more than just traditional continuing education and they might include some of the following: continuing ed; clinical privileging, in an ambulatory surgical center of a hospital; board certification in a clinical specialty area; professional certification; self-assessment; peer review or evaluation; professional portfolio; practical demonstrations; exit interviews with consumers; outcome documentation; testing; refresher courses or any other similar modality. The bill does delete existing references to continuing education, and existing continuing education requirements for various healthcare professions and occupations. There will be a committee amendment to the bill, Mr. President, that I will address at that time. But I will close on my opening on the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 1021. There are committee amendments. Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on committee amendments to LB 1021.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. The committee amendment, AM2500, two-five-zero-zero, requires that for those healthcare professions and occupations that currently have continuing education requirements, the continuing competency requirements approved for those professions and occupations must include continuing education as an activity which is sufficient to meet continuing competency requirements. This requirement does not apply to those professions and occupations that currently have no continuing education requirement. The amendment does apply to all healthcare professionals credentialed by the department, whether their continuing competency requirements are established by individual professional licensing boards or by the department. And I would move the committee amendment to LB 1021.